

Central Bell, and has served on the board of directors of the Green Hills Health Care Center. He has helped with disability evaluations for the Social Security Administration. He holds active memberships in the Nashville Academy of Medicine, Davidson County Medical Society, Tennessee Medical Association, Southern Medical Association and the American Medical Association. Dr. Coles is the father of three and the grandfather of four, and he is an active member of the Hillsboro Church of Christ and the Nashville community.

While Nashville is saddened over the retirement of such a faithful doctor, it rejoices in Dr. Coles' decision to begin the next phase of his life. As he finally has time to pursue other interests, may he find the same kindness, compassion and support that he has given all of us for more than four decades.

TRIBUTE TO KVEA-TV, CHANNEL
52

HON. XAVIER BECERRA
OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 6, 1995

Mr. BECERRA. Mr. Speaker, it gives me the utmost pleasure to rise today to pay tribute to the wonderful people at KVEA-TV, channel 52, as they celebrate 10 years of quality service to the Spanish-speaking community in southern California.

KVEA is a Los Angeles-based television station that is an affiliate on Telemundo, a national Spanish-language television network. Over the last 10 years, it has reached over 750,000 homes and served the Latino community through its Emmy award-winning newscasts, entertainment and most importantly, community outreach efforts.

The vital work performed by KVEA makes it possible for members of the Latino community to connect and react to the social and political events around them.

So, it should come as no surprise that when the frightening 6.7 Northridge earthquake struck, the people at KVEA came to the rescue. Almost as soon as the tremor shook the Earth around Angelenos, the station responded with information, food and a 14-hour telethon to bolster the efforts of the American Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

When the wave of anti-immigrant sentiment surged during the 1994 election, KVEA took a stand and denounced proposition 187. The station sponsored the Riverside Summit to increase awareness and propose plans to combat immigrant bashing. As the proposition 187 vote neared, KVEA employed its newscasts, public affairs programs and public service announcements to alert viewers of the harm that its passage might bring.

Mr. Speaker, in southern California, KVEA is recognized as a leader in children's rights. It was the first and only station to broadcast the "De Mi Corazón" telethon to raise money for abused children. KVEA has also actively supported Walk America, a March of Dimes campaign for healthier babies.

The station has certainly taken to heart its responsibility to educate and entertain the children of southern California. And as a next step, KVEA is developing its own locally-produced children's program.

One of KVEA's proudest moments had to be September 30, 1995. On that day, 5,000 of

our newest Americans decided to become full participating members of society through citizenship. The station was there from the beginning making this idea a reality. KVEA went the extra mile and donated 40 spots of air time during prime time programming to promote citizenship. The result: Absolute success.

Mr. Speaker, over the past 10 years, KVEA has been there for my family and the residents of southern California. Today, I respectfully request that the House of Representatives join me in conveying to KVEA-TV, channel 52, a heartfelt Happy Birthday and a sincere thank you for its service and achievements in America. May there be many more decennials to celebrate.

THE FIRST LANDING OF THE
PILGRIMS

HON. GERRY E. STUDDS
OF MASSACHUSETTS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 6, 1995

Mr. STUDDS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the town of Provincetown, MA, which last week celebrated the 375th anniversary of the first landing of the Pilgrims and the signing of the Mayflower Compact, our Nation's first formal governing document.

Unfortunately, since our current Government is not as efficient as the compact, the interim resolution of the Federal budget impasse kept me in Washington. We all know, however, there is no more appropriate place to celebrate the Thanksgiving season than in Provincetown, the community in which the Pilgrims laid the foundation for democracy in this Nation.

The historic significance of the first landing and the Mayflower Compact cannot be overstated. Provincetown is where the Pilgrims first landed on November 21, 1620, after their long and arduous journey across the Atlantic. While anchored in Province Town Harbor, 41 of the Pilgrims signed the Mayflower Compact, creating a self-governing colony.

The Mayflower Compact renounced European aristocracy and created many of the tenets of freedom that we enjoy today. It was the foundation for both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution.

The compact was modeled after a Separatist church covenant by which the signatories agreed to establish a civil government and to be bound by its laws. President John Quincy Adams called the document the first example in modern times of a social compact or system of government instituted by voluntary agreement conformable to the laws of nature, by men of equal rights and about to establish their community in a new country.

The Pilgrims were hardy people whose perseverance characterized New Englanders for generations to come. After their 66-day, cross-Atlantic passage, with little space or sanitary facilities, they faced harsh winters without proper shelter or clothing. In their first year in the New World, they lost half of their community to illness. Yet they endured. Their labors spawned a thriving colony that became modern America.

Many local families brought that spirit alive when they participated in a reenactment of the first landing on the beach—dressed in Pilgrim garb—to help dedicate a new town park. After

a free concert by a 19-piece U.S. Navy jazz band, more than 5,000 holiday lights were turned on to illuminate the Pilgrim monument.

It could be said that the Pilgrims, who fled persecution in Europe, were the first "washashores"—coming here in search of opportunity to pursue their livelihoods and dreams. Once ashore, one of their first tasks was to scour the province lands for reliable sources of clean, drinkable water. Some things never change. Just ask the Bradfords or the Brewsters, whose streets we will walk today, or pause to watch our children play on the sand on which the Pilgrims washed ashore.

Mr. Speaker, it is with special pleasure as a resident of this vibrant community that I join in commending all those who have helped organize the ambitious celebration.

Provincetown has always been a harbor of refuge, for fishermen seeking shelter from rough seas, and for those of us over the last 375 years who have sought to live our lives as we see fit in a most remarkable community. It is only in honoring our history that we can fully appreciate how extraordinary this place is, how it continue to harbor our homes and vessels, our individualism and diversity—and the fundamental value each of us places on mutual respect.

35TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ARCTIC NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

HON. GEORGE MILLER

OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Wednesday, December 6, 1995

Mr. MILLER of California. Mr. Speaker, 35 years ago today, the Eisenhower administration had the foresight to protect what then-Interior Secretary Seton described as "one of the most magnificent wildlife and wilderness areas in North America."

Time has shown the wisdom of that bold action by the Eisenhower administration. As designated by Congress in 1980, the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge's unique wilderness and wildlife values make it a crown jewel of our refuge system.

As industrial-scale oil development continues to sprawl across the North Slope of Alaska, pressure to open and exploit the Arctic refuge is intense. But while the oil development wolves are knocking at the refuge door, President Clinton has continued the legacy of Presidents Eisenhower and Carter through his commitment to preserving intact this vital arctic ecosystem.

Unfortunately, the Republican leadership in Congress has ignored this bipartisan history. They have tried to sneak ANWR development through Congress under cover of the budget bill, avoiding the regular process of debate and amendment. Yet the purported value of ANWR for Federal revenues is minimal at best and its value for national energy security is even more dubious since this same Congress has authorized Alaskan oil exports.

The true value of preserving ANWR's special wildlife habitat and wilderness resources for the American people are more important than ever before, transcending the worth of whatever minerals may lie below the surface. We should not sacrifice an important part of our country's natural heritage for the short-term gain of a handful of special interests.